

Spring 2004



Commencement
Missouri Southern State University

Forty-second Commencement

May 15, 2004 • Saturday • Leggett & Platt Athletic Center

9:30 A.M.

School of Business Administration
School of Education • Bachelor of General Studies

NOON

School of Arts & Sciences
School of Technology • Associates Degrees

Processional "Pomp and Circumstance"

Elgar
Missouri Southern Commencement Ensemble

Invocation

9:30 A.M. - Dr. Sheri Beeler
Assistant Professor, Kinesiology, School of Education

Welcome and Introductions

NOON Dr. Doris Walters
Professor, English & Philosophy, School of Arts & Sciences

Address

Dr. Julio S. León
President, Missouri Southern State University

Presentation of Class

Mr. Russell G. Smith II
Dr. Betsy Q. Griffin
Interim Vice President for Academic Affairs, Missouri Southern State University

Conferring of Degrees

Dr. Julio S. León

Presentation of Diplomas

Congratulatory Remarks

Dr. Mark Comstock
President, Faculty Senate, Missouri Southern State University

Announcement of Academic Honors

Dr. Betsy Q. Griffin

Benediction

9:30 A.M. Dr. Sheri Beeler

NOON - Dr. Doris Walters

Recessional "Sine Nomine"

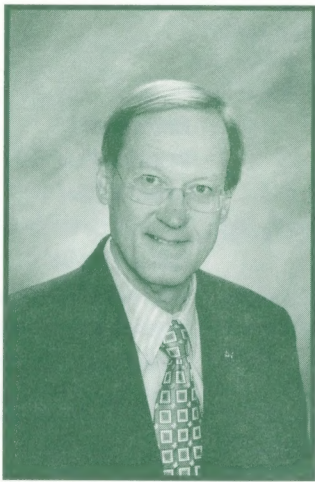
R. V. Williams & E. Rosenberg
Missouri Southern Commencement Ensemble

Sign Language Interpreter

Mary Zustiak

Please remain seated until recessional is completed.

About the Speaker



An active supporter of Missouri Southern State University, Russell G. Smith II, in 1985, was appointed to a term on the Board of Regents, now the Board of Governors, and currently co-chairs an \$8 million Capital Campaign for the Missouri Southern Foundation. He is the Missouri Division President of Tulsa-based May's Drug Stores, Inc., a company he joined in 1972. Mr. Smith helped direct the company's growth from four to 38 stores and today he serves as the 67-year-old chain's Corporate Secretary and Treasurer, Executive Vice President, and President of its RSM Communications subsidiary, which he founded in 1978.

Born in San Antonio, Texas, and reared in St. Louis, Mo., Mr. Smith received his Bachelor of Journalism degree from the University of Missouri-Columbia in 1967. He completed a Master of Arts degree in science writing and public relations at the University of Missouri in 1971. During his graduate experience, Mr. Smith was an account executive with the international public relations firm, Burson-Marsteller in Chicago.

Mr. Smith has served in national leadership roles for several drug store associations and he currently is a member of The Photo Marketing Association Mass Market Advisory Committee.

A 32-year resident of Joplin, he is Chairman of the Board of Directors of St. John's Regional Medical Center, Director of Mercy Foundation, HealthFirst, and Commerce Bank of Joplin, and President of Mount Hope Cemetery. He was named "Outstanding Volunteer" for Ozarks Public Television in 1994 and he has served as President of the United Hebrew Congregation Board of Trustees, the Joplin Community Concert Association, and the Joplin Boy's Club, for which he is currently an Advisory Board member. His community involvement also extends to the Boy Scouts of America, Rotary International, the Joplin Area Chamber of Commerce, and the Tulsa Advertising Federation.

He and his wife, Gail, have two children, Shana Leigh Smith Peters, a Registered Dietician, and Myca Erin Smith, an Event Planner, and one grandson, Russell Blake Peters. One son, Russell (Rusty) G. Smith III died in a tragic automobile accident in 1994.

Candidates for Honors & Degrees

Baccalaureate Degrees

Summa Cum Laude

Grade point average 3.90 or above

Baich, Trent S.	Dawson, Sarah Lynn †	Koenig, Heather Renae ‡	Rinker, Kayla J.
Baker, Aaron R. †	Denefrio, Sheila Ann	Lukunka, Barbra Nzama ‡	Rosewicz, Allison Tai
Ballard, Donald Clayton	Dillahay, Joshua Abraham	Magoffin, John Charles Everett ‡ †	Seifert, K. Diane ‡
Braker, Dana Marie	Estep, Joshua A. ‡ †	Mayfield, Byron K.	Smith, Alicia Christine ‡ †
Cable, Sara Renee ‡ †	Ford, Jennifer Renee	McBlair, Katrina Diane	Stahl, Martin David
Chambers, Anna Bess †	Grimmett, Clint Alan ‡	McGowan, Rachel Lane ‡ †	Still, Mary L. †
Clark, Manda Rebecca ‡	Harper, Kimberly Dawn	Myers, Jennifer Rose	Stredney, Amy
Cole, Michele Catherine	Hickman, Sarah Beth ‡ †	Odem, Zackery W. * ‡	Udell, Lindsay Michelle †
Cross, Philip Allen ‡ †	Huntley, Kendra Ann	Parks, Carie Lynn	Vacek, Jeremy Michael * †
Crouch, April Diane ‡	King, Ivory C. †	Phillips, Margaret Elaine	

Magna Cum Laude

Grade point average 3.80 - 3.89

Arroyo, Yetzirah	Dzidic, Katarina †	Jameson, Jennifer Marie	Patrick, Leslie Ann
Bigando, Katie Jayne	Ewing, Bethany Ann	Leishing-Engelbrecht, Darla Christine*	Roberts, Elizabeth Ann
Blankenship, Lara Nicole †	Gibson-Bebee, Amy Carol	Leonard, Sara Suzanne	Rogers, Daniel William †
Burns, Marla Kay †	Goff, Michelle Renee	Mantle, Cassie Lynn	Sageng, Brenda Molesworth
Conley, Bradley Ryan †	Grant, LaDale Lea	Medlock, Sheri Dawn	Sparks, Allison L.
Courtney, Kelly Lynn	Hall, Michael Ray	Mink, David Curtis	Steele, Mandi Rae
Coyne, Sarah Lynne	Hartman, Jennifer Leigh	O'Toole, Annie Kathleen	Tallman, James Richard
Denny, Kyle Alan	Hughes, Adrian Virginia	Owens, Sheila R.	Vahle, Logan John

Cum Laude

Grade point average 3.70 - 3.79

Arnold, Kristen Linn	Floyd, Becky Elaine	Madson, Dione Nicole †	Reynolds, Tara Dawn †
Birch, Terri Lynn	Foster, Donna S.	Morgan, Tracy Marline	Royer, Debra LeaAnn
Boston, Jaymey Lee	Garner, Shane Edward	Mosier, Cindy M.	Scism, Shearl Ann
Burns, Michael Patchen †	Green, Nancy Elaine	Palmer, Janell Marguerite	Stephens, Melissa Dawn †
Dantic, Jason Leon	Hays, Nicholas Stephen	Payne, Leandra Rachelle	Taylor, Amy Marie
Davis, Jamie Lee B. †	Hollingshead, Jeremy Daniel	Puszewski, Jessica Maria	Thomas, Crystal Leigh
Divine, Kellee Beth *			Withers, Alicia Leigh

Associate Degrees

First Honors

Grade Point Average 3.90 or above

Bishop, Kenna Denise ‡	Braker, Mindy Lee ‡	Gleason, Michael David *
Smith, Lindsey Jean *		Vaughn, Natasha Anne *

Second Honors

Grade Point Average 3.80 - .899

Dean, Kenneth G.	Williams, Byran Andrew *	Watts, Jennifer Lea *
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School of Business Administration

Bachelor of Science

Flatter, Jason Kent
Management Technology
Carl Junction

Wickstrom, Brenda Ann
Management Technology
Carthage

Bachelor of Science in Business Administration

Adams, Jennifer Marie
Marketing/Management
Powell

Blalock, Lindsay Nicole *
General Business
Joplin

Collins, Heather Elizabeth
Management
Lamar

Duncan, Heather Renee
Finance and Economics
Lamar

Adams, Susanne Michelle
General Business
Trafalgar, IN

Bogue, Melissa Dawn
Accounting
Joplin

Conley, Bradley Ryan †
Marketing/Management
Conway, AR

Dyer, Jenifer
Marketing
Lincolnton, NC

Alford, Jeremy Lee
General Business
Diamond

Boyd, Casey Jackson
Marketing
Carthage

Coyne, Sarah Lynne
Management
Joplin

Farmer, Bruce Alan *
General Business
Joplin

Alm, Michelle Leigh
Management/General Business
Barnhart

Boyer, Macee L.
Management
Webb City

Crum, Charlotte Leigh
Marketing
Neosho

Feather, Conrad E.
Management
Carthage

Alumbaugh, Aaron Nelson
Management
Carthage

Brokate, Jeremy A.
Finance and Economics
Reeds Spring

Dalton, Robina Marie
Management
Joplin

Feller, Jennifer Elizabeth
Marketing
Joplin

Alumbaugh, Pedren Bynum *
Finance and Economics
Carthage

Bullette, Scott Thomas
Accounting
Joplin

Dantic, Jason Leon
Marketing
Grove, OK

Fisher, Brady Lee
Management
Joplin

Arroyo, Yetzirah
International Business/Marketing
Carthage

Cable, Sara Renee ‡ †
Marketing
Webb City

Davis, Jamie Lee B. †
International Business
Bolivar

Forbes, Nathaniel Wayne
Marketing
Neosho

Baker, Aaron R. †
International Business
Neosho

Carrico, Regan E.
Accounting/Management
Joplin

Davis, Jr., Michael Wayne
Finance and Economics
Nevada

Ford, Skye A.
Management
Webb City

Barley, Staci Lanae
Marketing
Joplin

Charles, Stacy L.
Accounting/Management
Joplin

Demery, Brent Kelly
General Business
Joplin

Frye, Jennifer Spring
Accounting
Carthage

Benedict, Nicole E.
Marketing
Joplin

Chen, Jian-Yun *
Accounting
Carthage

Denny, Kyle Alan
Accounting/Finance and Economics
Bluejacket, OK

Geiser, Anthony Shawn *
Accounting
Webb City

Bennett, Bethany Lyn
Accounting
Verona

Chomba, Erastus Marugu
General Business
Miami, OK
Kenya

Doerr, Stephanie June
Marketing
Tulsa, OK

Gomez, Wendy A. *
Accounting
Joplin

Black, Audrey Lynn
Management
Vandalia

Dugger, John Robert
General Business
Joplin

Gonzales, Nicole Elaine
General Business
Joplin

Grant, LaDale Lea

Management
Joplin

Green, Nancy Elaine

Management
Neosho

Haag, Holly Renee *

Marketing
Lamar

Habbena, Patricia Ann

Accounting
Carl Junction

Haddock, Brandi Renee

Finance and Economics
Webb City

Harris, Jennifer Nicole

Management
Joplin

Hartman, Jennifer Leigh

Marketing
Joplin

Heath, Jessica L.

Marketing/Management
Tulsa, OK

Hice, Kristain S. *

International Business
Kingwood, TX

Hollingshead, Jeremy Daniel

Finance and Economics
Joplin

Hunt, Dustin Michael *

International Business
Joplin

Huston, Jeremy C. *

Management
Carl Junction

Jensen, Christina Lynn

Accounting
Joplin

Johnson, Elizabeth A.

Management
Corning, AR

Johnson, Libby A.

Marketing
Mt. Vernon

Johnson, Misty Dawn

Management
Neosho

Johnson, Randy Dewayne *

General Business
Joplin

Johnson, Zachary Douglas

General Business
Joplin

Kasner, Tiffany Nichole

Finance and Economics
Miami, OK

Knight, Ryan Dwayne

Finance and Economics
Joplin

Koenig, Heather Renae ‡

Management
Monett

Larimore, Taira Lynn *

General Business
Moundville

Laver, Tammy L.

General Business
Joplin

Leonard, Sara Suzanne

Accounting
Miami, OK

Little, Jennifer Ruth

Management
Joplin

Lombard, Christina Danielle

Management
Pierce City

Marshall, Scott Wayne *

Management
Joplin

McBlair, Katrina Diane

Accounting/Finance and Economics
Wentworth

McDaniel, Yvonne Dawn*

Accounting
Neosho

McMullen, Jeremy Wayne*

General Business
Carl Junction

Mitchell, Becky Lynn *

General Business
Joplin

Myers, Aaron Ross

Accounting
Joplin

Nelson, Joy Marie *

International Business
Joplin

Nevins, Justin Lee

Finance and Economics
Joplin

Newman, Colby Glenn

Management
Joplin

Newport II, James Frederick

Finance and Economics
Joplin

Odern, Zackery W. *‡

Accounting
Joplin

Ogle, Beth Renee

General Business
Carthage

Osborne, Tina Diane *

General Business
Carthage

Parker, Angela Diane *

Accounting
Commerce, OK

Parks, Carie Lynn

General Business
Independence

Pevahouse, Daphne L. *

Accounting
Neosho

Pherigo, Timothy Eugene*

Management
Nicoma Park, OK

Posch, Sheryl Diane

Marketing
Parsons, KS

Renfro, Amy Jo

General Business
Joplin

Rinehart, Jessica Ann

Management
Stark City

Robinson, Jeremy Christopher

Management
Joplin

Robison, Megan A.

General Business
Joplin

Rogo, Jacob Otieno

Finance and Economics
Miami, OK
Kenya

Schell, Lacey Anne *

Marketing
Carl Junction

Scheurich, Kristoffer Mark

Management
Joplin

Seifert, K. Diane ‡

Accounting
Joplin

Shadwick, Hillary Dawn

Management
Neosho

Smith, Deena L. *

Accounting
Carthage

Smith, Miranda Patricia

Management
Joplin

Smith, Tamra L.

General Business/Management
Joplin

Stanley, Eric Michael

Management
Carthage

Stephenson, Sara Lea

Marketing
Joplin

Stiles, Michael B.

Accounting
Carthage

Still, Dana L.

Management
Miami, OK

Stredney, Amy

Marketing
Abilene, KS

Strese, Joseph Bernard

Finance and Economics
Omaha, NE

Swarnes, Joseph Tyler

Management
Webb City

Thetge, Whitney Leigh

Management
Joplin

Tolan, Rebecca Amy *
International Business
Rogers, AR

Tummons, Jason Wade
General Business
Lamar

Ufheil, Ryan Andrew
Marketing
Kaiser

Vann, Joel C.
General Business/Management
Webb City

White, Winter Dawn *
Management
Springfield

Wigent, Michelle Irene
Finance and Economics
Joplin

Williams, Becky Dian
Management
Anderson

Willis, Catherine M. *
Management
Bronaugh

Wofford, Jeremi Ryan
Management
Carthage

Wright, Janice Kaye
Management
Carl Junction

School of Education

Bachelor of Arts

Black, Tracy Lynn
Psychology
Joplin

Burns, Marla Kay †
Psychology
Webb City

Dzidic, Katarina †
Psychology
Webb City
Croatia

Foster, Donna S.
Psychology
Pierce City

Harrell, Wyketha LeShon
Psychology
Kansas City

Hatfield, Adrienne Marie
Psychology
Joplin

Jackson, Amanda Christine
Psychology
Joplin

King, Ivory C. †
Psychology
Afton, OK

Udell, Lindsay Michelle †
Psychology
Joplin

Waddell, Matthew J.
Psychology
Diamond

Walsh, Rebecca A. *
Psychology
Joplin

Bachelor of Science

Brock, Matthew Russell
Psychology
Joplin

Clemens, Aaron M.
Health Promotion and Wellness
Fulton

Couk, Abby Lynn
Psychology
Carthage

Dabbs, Karri Kristine *
Psychology
Webb City

Fetters, Kayla K.
Psychology
Joplin

Hamlin, Della Eileen
Psychology
Webb City

Juett, Lance Dean *
Health Promotion and Wellness
Omaha, NE

Klineline, Chad Lynn *
Health Promotion and Wellness
Ava

Little, Amy Leanne *
Health Promotion and Wellness
Nixa

Mitchell, Laurie A.
Psychology
Joplin

Neff, James Alexander *
Health Promotion and Wellness
Joplin

Orton, Allison Leann *
Health Promotion and Wellness
Joplin

Parker, Dustin King *
Health Promotion and Wellness
Baxter Springs, KS

Phipps, Amber Rose
Health Promotion and Wellness
Lenexa, KS

Rice, Jeffrey David
Psychology
Joplin

Snow, Jeremy Matthew
Health Promotion and Wellness
Joplin

Still, Jeremiah D.
Psychology
Carthage

Still, Mary L. †
Psychology
Carthage

Thirion, Roxanne Hope
Psychology
Owasso, OK

Tuepker, Taraleigh
Health Promotion and Wellness
Edward, OK

Welch, NovaLea
Psychology
Carthage

Wilkinson, Zack Jay
Health Promotion and Wellness
Neosho

Wright, Erica E. *
Psychology
Webb City

Bachelor of Science in Education

Anderson, Dianna Lynn
Elementary Education
Neosho

Armilio, Kristen Ann
Business Education
Belton

Arnold, Kristen Linn
Elementary Education
Baxter Springs, KS

Bandy, Brian Stephen
Elementary Education
Joplin

Benfield, Whitney Leigh
Elementary Education
Joplin

Bigando, Katie Jayne
Elementary Education
Joplin

Binning, ReeAnna Marie
Middle School Education
Joplin

Blankenship, Lara Nicole †
Art Education
Webb City

Boston, Jaymey Lee
Elementary Education
Goodman

Bradham, Jeremy Ryan
Physical Education
Oronogo

Cannon, Jill Noelle
Physical Education
Joplin

Capshaw, Crystal Gail
Spanish Education
Nixa

Christian, Susan Lynn
Elementary Education
Mt. Vernon

Clack, Sharla Dene
Elementary Education
Joplin

Clark, Manda Rebecca ‡
Music Education
Schell City

Cole, Michele Catherine
Elementary Education
Seneca

Cole, Stephanie Anne
Elementary Education
Webb City

Commons, Erin Deonne
Elementary Education
Baxter Springs, KS

Conness, Sarah Elizabeth
Elementary Education
Neosho

Courtney, Kelly Lynn
Elementary Education
Joplin

Courtney, Susan Louise
English Education
Monett

Crawford, Lisa Renea
Elementary Education
Branson

Cullers, Davina Marie
Elementary Education
Neosho

Culp, Donna Lea
Art Education
Neosho

Deckard, Caryn Beth
Elementary Education
Carthage

Denefrio, Sheila Ann
Elementary Education
Carthage

Dennis, Samantha Jo
Elementary Education
Norwood

Endicott, Jacob R.
Physical Education
Joplin

Epling, Kandi Elizabeth Marie
Music Education
Washburn

Ewing, Bethany Ann
Elementary Education
Joplin

Fenske, Heidi S.
Physical Education
Joplin

Floyd, Becky Elaine
Elementary Education
Webb City

Ford, Jennifer Renee
Social Science Education
Owasso, OK

Foreman, Betsy Lynn
Physical Education
Joplin

Fox, Jennifer Lynn
Elementary Education
Fair Play

Gardner, Zachary G.
Physical Education
Miami, OK

Glover, Tabitha Lynn
Elementary Education
Monett

Goetz, Tyler Joe
Physical Education
Purdy

Grant, Tonya Michelle
English Education
Joplin

Green, Jaime Denise
Physical Education
Springdale, AR

Hackett, Christopher Charles
Physical Education
Joplin
United Kingdom

Hall, Meggan Brooke
Elementary Education
Galena, KS

Hall, Michael Ray
English Education
Monett

Hauck, Brian "Aaron"
Art Education
Miami, OK

Hays, Nicholas Stephen
Social Science Education
Neosho

Heckman, Kimberly Ann
Elementary Education
DeKalb

Heffner, Gary Steven
Middle School Education
Webb City

Herron, Lori L.
Middle School Education
Carl Junction

Hoelzer, Elizabeth Marie
English Education
Fenton

Holden, D. Zach
Elementary Education
Joplin

Hug, Matthew Dean
Social Science Education
Baxter Springs, KS

Hughes, Adrian Virginia
Spanish Education
Carl Junction

Huntley, Kendra Ann
Spanish Education
Lamar

Jackson, Jennifer Leigh
Elementary Education
Manchester

Jackson, Teresa Marie
Elementary Education
Mt. Vernon

Johnson, Dolly Renee
Elementary Education
Aurora

Johnson, Nicholas R.
Physical Education
Joplin

Krummel, Julia Mary
Theatre/Speech Communication
Education
Carthage

Kykyri, Petri Tapani
Elementary Education
Joplin
Finland

Loveall, Jr., Charles Larry "Butch"
Physical Education
Carthage

Lowe, Nicole Jenean
Elementary Education
Neosho

Madson, Dione Nicole †
Unified Science Biology Education
Galena, KS

Magoffin, John Charles Everett ‡ †
Unified Science Biology Education
Butler

Manley, Nathaniel William
Elementary Education
Joplin

Martin, Micah Aaron
Music Education
Quapaw, OK

McGowan, Rachel Lane ‡ †
Elementary Education
Webb City

McWilliams, Sean Matthew
Social Science Education
Joplin

Medlock, Sheri Dawn
English Education
Webb City

Meirick, Rafe Walter
Middle School Education
Joplin

Moser, Kari Rene
Unified Science Biology Education
Carterville

Myers, Jennifer Rose
Elementary Education
Seneca

O'Riley-Couch, Amy Dawn
Business Education
Nevada

O'Toole, Annie Kathleen
Elementary Education
Joplin

Owens, Sheila R.
Elementary Education
Noel

Pace, Kimberley Ann
Middle School Education
Joplin

Patrick, Leslie Ann
Elementary Education
Carthage

Pliler, Kasey L.
Physical Education
Joplin

Poindexter, Amanda Ruth*
Music Education
Cole Camp

Quaid, Thomas Anthony
Physical Education
Joplin
Ireland

Robison, Charles Elliot
Physical Education
Joplin

Rooks, Amy Marie
Elementary Education
Jasper

Rose, Laura LeeAnn
Elementary Education
Joplin

Roy, Linda Helen
English Education
Joplin
United Kingdom

Rush, Sylvia Elena
Elementary Education
Joplin

Schultz, Shannon Renee
Elementary Education
Joplin

Schwartz, Cynthia J.
Elementary Education
Neosho

Scism, Shearl Ann
Social Science Education
Nevada

Seibert, Sarah Jane
Middle School Education
Stockton

Smith, Alicia Christine ‡ †
Elementary Education
Carl Junction

Smith, Cheryl A.
Elementary Education
Cassville

Smith, Misty Alisha
Social Science Education
Cassville

Stephens, Melissa Dawn †
Elementary Education
Webb City

Taylor, Amy Marie
Social Science Education
Diamond

Taylor, Jessica Sarah
Elementary Education
Willard

Teel, Saline Antoinette
Elementary Education
Joplin

Thomas, Crystal Leigh
Elementary Education
Noel

Tomlinson, Lena Jean
Elementary Education
Seneca

Uselmann, Linda Kay
Social Science Education
Webb City

Vahle, Logan John
Mathematics Education
Warrenton

Weston, Kami Nicole
Physical Education
Baxter Springs, KS

Withers, Alicia Leigh
English Education
Carthage

Witt, Luke Ryan
Social Science Education
Webb City

Bachelor of General Studies

Arnold, Julie K.
General Studies
Lamar

Blalock, Brenda L.
General Studies
Joplin

Carter, Cindy Lee
General Studies
Joplin

Clifford, Jennifer Leigh
General Studies
Joplin

Conty, Michelle
General Studies
Lamar

Dawson, Sarah Lynn †
General Studies
Webb City

Drake, Stanly R.
General Studies
Joplin

Ford, Christopher Stephens
General Studies
Golden City

Hendricks, Amanda Marie
General Studies
Joplin

Holman, Shana C.
General Studies
Seneca

Horn, Ken M. *
General Studies
Baxter Springs, KS

Lizotte, Lisa A. *
General Studies
Joplin

Marshall, Jason Michael *
General Studies
Joplin

Nelson, Kristen R.
General Studies
Poplar Bluff

Oplotnik, Allison Leann
General Studies
Baxter Springs, KS

Pinkerton, Danny P.
General Studies
Webb City

Reed, Steven D.
General Studies
Joplin

Reynolds, Tara Dawn †
General Studies
Rogersville

Techlin, Aaron Allan
General Studies
Appleton, WI

Thompson, Jo A.
General Studies
Holts Summit

Trussell Minear, Tracy Marlene
General Studies
Webb City

West, Cathy Crilley
General Studies
Wyandotte, OK

West, Ruth A.
General Studies
Carthage

Wuch, Andrew John
General Studies
Joplin

School of Arts & Sciences

Bachelor of Arts

Adair, Annie D.
Political Science
Flower Mound, TX

Arroyo, Yetzirah
Spanish
Carthage

Barton-Eaton, Courtney L. †
English
Joplin

Bass, April Renee
English
Sarcoxis

Beville, Jonathan Hermann *
Communication
Mechanicsville, VA

Birch, Terri Lynn
English
Joplin

Boatright, Delores
Sociology
Neosho

Bowers, Heather Leigh
Communication
Neosho

Boyd, Karena Denise
English
Carthage

Brashear, April Layne
English
Joplin

Brown, Gregory Allen
Art
Monett

Brown, Meegan A.
English
Joplin

Brumfield, Tori Leigh
English
Neosho

Bryan, Amanda Rose
English
Lansing, KS

Burch, Jr., Gary L. *
Communication
Joplin

Burgess, Alejandra H.
Spanish
Langley, OK

Chambers, Anna Bess †
English
Carthage

Chandler, Katherine Marie
Art
Elkader, IA

Clements II, Dennis Michael *
Spanish
Webb City

Cowden, Maria Dawn
English
Neosho

Crim, Rebecca Ann
Spanish
Lamar

Cross, Philip Allen ‡ †
Communication
Greenfield

Cunningham II, Terry Joe
Communication
Carl Junction

David, Cassidy Faith
Sociology
Nevada

Davis, Jamie Lee B. †
Spanish
Bolivar

Davis, Nicholas Shan
Communication
Cedar Falls, IA

Davis-Goad, Stephanie Ann
Spanish
Joplin

Dexter, Ryan Cameron
Political Science
Joplin

Divine, Kellee Beth *
Communication
Joplin

Dominguez, Mauricio
Communication
Carthage

Dzidic, Katarina †
French
Webb City
Croatia

Eaton, Todd Michael
Communication
Joplin

Eddy, Robyn Melanie
Theatre
Shreveport, LA

Edgar, Jason Ray
Communication
Aurora

Eichelberger-Jones, Mary*
Sociology
Joplin

Ellifrits, Teresa Jan
Sociology
Nevada

Engstrom, Jason Kerry
Theatre
Joplin

Ertel, Benajmin Robert *
Art
Joplin

Erwin II, Ralph Clifton
Communication/German
Joplin

Godsey, Matthew Douglas
Communication/International Studies
Joplin

Goswick, Jeri-Ann
Spanish
Joplin

Guinn, Jake W. *
Spanish
Anderson

Harper, Kimberly Dawn
History
Neosho

Harper, William L.
Theatre
Galena, KS

Hester, Carolyn Lerene
Communication
Washburn

Hickman, Sarah Beth ‡ †
History
Rogers, AR

Horton, Tracy Erin
Communication
Joplin

Hug, Matthew Dean
History
Baxter Springs, KS

Hughey, Amanda Claire
Communication
Joplin

Hunter, Chadwick R.
Communication
Joplin

Hunter, Jennifer Michelle
Communication
Joplin

Husby, Melissa Susan
Communication
Sioux Falls, SD

Jones, Craig Scott *
Communication
Carl Junction

Lawrence, Carrisa L.
Theatre
Joplin

Lay, Deborah Ann
Spanish
Joplin

Lukunka, Barbra Nzama ‡
French
Salina, KS
Zambia

Mahurin, Matthew Denton

Communication
Fairland, OK

Manary, Audrienne M. *

Spanish
Greenfield

Manter, Jerauld Robert *

Communication
Boise, ID

Marsh, Hannah Beth

Communication
St. Louis

Martin, Philip Andrew

Communication
Quapaw, OK

McCoy, Jennifer Nicole *

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Joplin

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Tulsa, OK

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Webb City

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Joplin

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Art
Webb City

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Theatre
Wentworth

Mink, David Curtis

English
Joplin

Moore, Angela D. *

Spanish
Joplin

Moore, Kimberly Diane

Communication
Alba

Morgan, Tracy Marline

English
Joplin

Morris, Amanda Nicole

Sociology
Joplin

Moss, Robert Eugene

Communication
Carl Junction

Murray, Jr., Scott Eugene

Art
Oronogo

Murray, Tanya Sue

Sociology
Joplin

Myers, Brandon Michael

Communication
Webb City

Nivens, Brandon Scott

Communication
Carthage

Noelken, Jennifer Marie

English
St. Charles

Nunley, Amanda Kay

Political Science
Cassville

Nuse, Abby Kaymarie

Theatre
Carthage

Painter, Brandon Lee

Theatre
Tulsa, OK

Palmer, Janell Marguerite

Art
Pierce City

Parks, Erina Kharlise

Theatre
Kansas City

Payne, Leandra Rachelle

Spanish
Seneca

Penny, Krystal Antoinette

Communication
Houston, TX

Phillips, Margaret Elaine

Communication
Monett

Powers, Stephani Leenae*

Music
Joplin

Reynolds, Kevin Douglas*

English
Galena, KS

Rhymer, Paul M.

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Joplin

Richardson, Amber Elizabeth

Spanish
Miller

Rigdon, Benjamin David

History
Neosho

Rinker, Kayla JoAnn

Communication
Miller

Rogers, Daniel William †

History
Neosho

Rominger, Todd Wyman

Political Science
Asbury

Rosewicz, Allison Tai

Communication
Stark City

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Art
Carthage

Schamberger, Carole Anne

Communication
Joplin

Scheurich, Elizabeth Ann

Communication
Joplin

Shaw, Justin David

Art
Joplin

Smith, Arley Dan *

Communication
Joplin

Steele, Mandi Rae

Communication
Stockton

Stevenson, Michael F. *

Communication
Neosho

Still, Mary L. †

English
Carthage

Taylor, Adam Patrick

German
Joplin

Taylor, Renee Lynn

Communication
Joplin

Toler, Brad J.

Political Science
Neosho

Vickers, Tashena Jean

Sociology
Joplin

Walker, Brendan Lee

Political Science
Carthage

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Communication/English
Grandview

West, Jacob Daniel *

Communication
Joplin

Whited, Melissa Anne

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Environmental Health
Pierce City

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Mathematics
Claremore, OK

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Physics/Mathematics
Neosho

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Neosho

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Neosho

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Henderson, Amanda Hope
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Joplin

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Goodman

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*M*issouri Southern State University is a state-supported, comprehensive university offering programs leading to the bachelor's degree and selected master's degrees. Faithful to its original statutory charter, the University also offers continuing education courses and a number of two-year programs in technical and vocational areas for the benefit of the community

The University's primary emphasis is the offering of a baccalaureate program that fosters the total education of each student. Central to that mission is a strong commitment to international education, to the liberal arts, to professional and preprofessional programs, and to the complementary relationship that must exist between liberal and professional education in order to prepare individuals for success in careers and lifelong learning.

Inherent in its international approach to undergraduate education is the University's desire to prepare its students to understand world affairs, international issues and other cultures as seen through their history, geography, language, literature, philosophy, economics and politics. Knowledge and understanding of other cultures of the world also promote better understanding of our own valuable cultural diversity.

Missouri Southern's commitment to the liberal arts is reflected in a comprehensive program of general education requirements for all students to ensure that they have a breadth of educational experiences which will enable them to develop communication and critical thinking skills and to acquire and apply aesthetic, contemporary, civic, international, historical, mathematical, scientific and value-oriented perspective.

The faculty and staff of Missouri Southern State University emphasize quality teaching and learning as the most important attributes of the University, complemented by scholarly and creative expression and dedicated community service. Community service involves responsiveness to the Southwest Missouri region as well as serving as the intellectual, creative and cultural center of the area.

In order to remain loyal to the trust given to the University by the people of the State of Missouri, Missouri Southern State University will:

- fulfill its mission and objectives in an honorable and ethical manner;
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